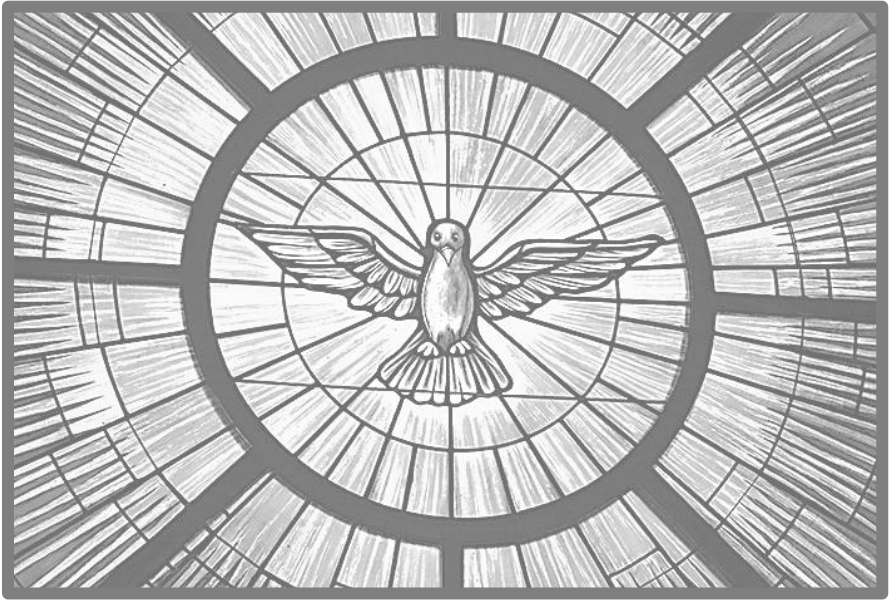


# “Is the Holy Spirit a PERSON?”

(Studies in the Doctrine of the Spirit)



*"While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."  
(Acts 13:2; ESV)*

**Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA**  
**Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, AD 2022**

# The LORD'S Day

The Twenty-third Day of January, *in the Year of our Lord 2022*

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Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

## Sunday School—9:30 AM.



If it is conceded that the Christian has certain civic responsibilities and that God's Church enjoys a cultural mandate to share its light unto a decaying civilization, we may well ask "What issues should be held as vital and paramount in this day-and-age of "Culture Wars?"

## Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:\* *"Bless His Holy Name"* (#8).

Invocation.\*

Hymn: *"Come, Christians Join to Sing"* (#23).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Acts 8:14-24.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* (#28).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Holy, Holy"* (#35).

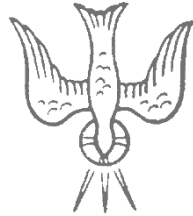
Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"IS THE HOLY SPIRIT A PERSON?"*

Closing Hymn:\* *"Take Time to be Holy"* (#415).

Benediction.\*



\*The Congregation will please arise, if able.

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Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—4:00 PM.



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### Today's Verse for Reflection:

"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper who will be with you forever."—John 14:16 (GW)



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### Week of Jan. 16-Jan. 22

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—15

Midweek—3; Church Offering: \$560.<sup>00</sup>

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## OUT OF AFRICA



From: Pastor Keith Merriman ([keithamerriman1998@gmail.com](mailto:keithamerriman1998@gmail.com))

Dateline: Jan. 20, 2022

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ. Please be in prayer for Pastor Salomon as he prepares for his next trip to Chad scheduled for February 2-16. He will be traveling to Touboro in Northeast Cameroon, near Chadian border, and then on into Chad. He will be doing evangelism training in Touboro and then at a conference in Chad, more than 300 expected. He is also taking French MacArthur study bibles for a dozen or so pastors in Chad. Please pray the bibles will come in time for him to take them with him (they come from Europe). Pray for journey mercies For pastor Salomon and Ernest (another teacher) and a successful ministry to our brothers and sisters in Chad. As I shared before there are 57 CGBCI churches in Chad with 38 pastors. Pray also for the Lord to raise up more pastors in Chad.

Thanks again to all who give and pray!

God bless, Keith

# The Holy Spirit: His Genuine Personality

By Pastor Terry L. Reese, Valley GBC of Armagh; Jan. 16, AD 2022

## The Historic Grace Brethren Statement of Faith:

**Article IV: The Holy Spirit.** *We believe in the Holy Spirit, in His personality (John 16:7-15), deity (Acts 5:3-4), and His work in each believer...*

**I. The Holy Spirit is Personal**—not a mere impersonal “force” or “diffusion of divine energy”—as thought by the heretic Simon Magus (cf. Acts 8:19) or by the modern Watchtower.

**A. He is assigned the recognizable **attributes of Personality**:**

1. **Intelligence**; He has a *mind* (Rom. 8:27 and accordingly, demonstrates *cognition & self-consciousness* (I Cor. 2:11).
2. He has an **Emotional existence**. He can be *grieved* (Eph. 4:30); He experiences & inspires *love* (Rom. 15:30).
3. He has a **Purposive Will**, directing the steps of Believers (Acts 16:6) and distributing Gifts unto men (1 Cor 12:11).
4. He has **Life** (Rom. 8:2).

**B. He **acts** in accordance with these aforementioned attributes.**

1. He **speaks** (Acts 8:29).
2. He **performs miracles** (Acts 8:39).
3. He **convicts us of sin** (John 16:8).
4. He **intercedes** for us (Rom. 8:26).
5. He **issues commands** (Acts 13:2),
6. He **teaches** (1 Cor. 2:13).
7. He **bears witness** (John 15:26).
8. John 16:13: He **guides** in all truth, **hearing, speaking, disclosing**.

**C. He is associated with **personal characteristics**:**

1. He **summons** Peter unto obedience (Acts 10:19-21).
2. One can **lie to Him** (Acts 5:3).
3. One can **resist Him** (Acts 7:51).
4. We can **grieve Him** (Eph. 4:30).
5. He can be **insulted** (Heb. 10:29) & **blasphemed** (Matt. 12:31).

**D. John 16:13-14:** Normal grammar is set aside; *pneuma* (i.e., *Spirit*) is **neuter**, but assigned a **masculine** pronoun (“**He**”).

**E. He **relates** to other Persons**—both Divine and created—as a *distinct Personality* (cf., John 16:14, Acts 15:28).

**F. His **association** with the Father and the Son** would seem most *bizarre* if the Third Member of this Trinity were a mere “power” instead a Person (cf., Matt. 28:19 & 2 Cor. 13:14).